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The Hanson Board of Health has received notification from MA DPH that there was a positive test in a sample pool of mosquitoes for West Nile Virus in Whitman. WNV and EEE has been an ongoing issue for the past few years in Hanson and area communities. The Hanson Board of Health believes that following the CDC's advice in preventing mosquito bites and mosquito proofing your home are excellent methods to protect yourself. This can be accomplished by practicing the 5 D's of mosquito control.

The 5D's

Stay indoors at **Dusk to Dawn** when mosquitoes are most prevalent.

Use insect repellent that contains **DEET** (age appropriate).

Dress in long sleeves and pants and spray insect repellent on the clothes.

Drain standing water on your property so mosquitoes won't breed.

The Hanson Board of Health will continue to monitor the situation through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and will advise the public of any increased risk of either WNV or EEE. For additional information or should you have any questions, please contact the Hanson Board of Health at (781) 293-3138 or visit the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>

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